Medicines, etc., for the Medical department—supply of.

276. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the firm or firms that supply the medicines, etc., for the Medical Department;

(b) whether the same is done by calling for tenders or on private agreement basis;

(c) (1) who all submitted tenders last time and (2) at what rates;

(d) who opens the tenders?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(b) Most of the purchases of medicines, etc., are effected by calling tenders except some minor purchase of all urgent nature where only quotations are called for from established firms of repute.

(c) (1) A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

(2) The tenders in respect of the supply for 1111 are placed on the Council Table.

(d) The Chief Medical Officer.

Paddy lands in Nemmara Firkah—cultivation of.

277. **Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.— (1) are the Government aware of the fact that major portion of the lands in Nemmara Firkah have lost the 2nd crop this year due to want of water;

(2) are the Government aware that a large area of paddy lands in Nemmara Firkah are not cultivated this year till now on account of the late monsoon;

(3) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to make enquiries and provide some relief by way of remission of a portion of the tax?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) No.

(2) No.

(3) The question does not arise.

Compassionate gratuity—Mr. C. D. Samuel.

278. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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